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Frist International Staff Week at the South-West University "Neofit Rilski" – Higher Education –
Modern Perspectives and Horizons

General outline

Dear Erasmus+ partners and prospective international colleagues, It is our distinct pleasure to invite you to the First International Staff Week, which will be held between **7 November 2022 and 11 November 2022**, at the South-West University "Neofit Rilski" in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria.

During our International Staff Week, we will be able to discuss future collaboration perspectives, envision new horizons for cooperation, strengthen our international partnerships, as well as foresee new mutually beneficial opportunities for sustainable cooperation.

The main topic of our International Staff Week is orientated around Internationalization of HEIs, STEM Education, Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL), Community Service Learning (CSL), and future of the European Education Area in the context of the European Universities Initiative.

The non-academic component of our International Staff Week is orientated towards all colleagues from HEIs affiliated with the Erasmus+ program (IRO staff members, Erasmus+ Faculty Coordinators, etc.). The teaching segment is addressed to all academic lecturers, regardless of the field of their professional expertise, who will contribute to the topic of the Staff Week and will share their knowledge and know-how with our students.

Participation fee

All applicants are required to pay a Participation Fee of **60 Euros** during registration. The fee includes a welcome and farewell dinner, two trips, guided museum fees, coffee breaks and refreshments. This fee **DOES NOT** cover travel, daily expenses, and accommodation.

Registration and deadline

All applicants are also required to fill in an online application form, via the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1SXsZtzOpM4rcC_tVcsjge8KgCrA9DfKJ8Mr2s_noOgE/viewform?edit_requested=true

The deadline for completing the online application form is **30 September 2022**.

Selection of participants

We will accept only a limited number of participants. Please, do not make any travel arrangements, prior to the confirmation of your participation. We will contact all selected candidates via email after the application deadline.

Venue

Most events will take place in our University Center "Bachinovo" (UCB), which fascinates with its conference-friendly and creative atmosphere. Not only does the congress center possess all the necessary conditions for holding big-scale events, but also offers attractive sports and recreation activities like SPA treatments, massages, Finnish sauna, steam bath and other services to release stress, charge your body and spirit with new energy and tonus.

The University Center "Bachinovo" offers for our guests 68 double, 4 single rooms, 4 apartments, a modern restaurant with 150 seats, free Wi-fi, breathtaking and cozy alpine environment.



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Please visit our UCB website for more impressions: <http://bazabachinovo.swu.bg/en/index.html>

Please visit the Sports and Recreation website for more information about our services: <http://spabachinovo.swu.bg/en/index.html>

Accommodation

We highly encourage our guests to choose the accommodation offered by our University Center "Bachinovo" as most of the events will be organized in the Center. Located 5 km away from the town center, in the surrounding forest, you can expect peace, relax, coziness and comfort.

The price list is:

- Single room – 40 BGN (around 20 EUR) per night / per room
- Double room – 46 BGN (around 23 EUR) per night / per room
- Apartment – 80 BGN (around 40 EUR) per night per / room
- Breakfast (optional) – 15 BGN (7.5 EUR) per person / per day

Please be advised that all the bookings will be on the basis of first come, first served.

Should you prefer other type of accommodation, please refer to some of the hotels in the town center.

Additionally, all of the selected participant will receive a survival guide before their arrival.

For assistance of any kind, please refer to:

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